

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

1.1 Product identifier

Product name HOLCIM AGGREGATE PRODUCTS (AUSTRALIA)
Synonyms AGGREGATES (CONCRETE ETC.) • FILL • GRAVEL • QUARRY SAND • RAILWAY BALLAST • ROADBASE

1.2 Uses and uses advised against

Uses AGGREGATE • CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS • FILLER • ROAD CONSTRUCTION

1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

Supplier name HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD
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1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

Emergency (02) 9412 6600; 13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

2.2 GHS Label elements

No signal word, pictograms, hazard or precautionary statements have been allocated.

2.3 Other hazards

The solid product as supplied is classified as non-hazardous under normal conditions and does not present an inhalation, ingestion, skin, or eye hazard. However, dust created when the product is processed, abraded, or crushed may cause mechanical irritation and may contain crystalline silica, some of which may be respirable. Repeated exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust may cause lung fibrosis (silicosis).

This product contains more than 1% Crystalline Silica (Quartz) and is considered a Crystalline Silica Substance as specified in Victoria's Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Crystalline Silica) Regulations 2021, S.R. No. 137/2021.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
AGGREGATE (containing crystalline silica (quartz))	14808-60-7	238-878-4	<98%
QUARTZ (CRYSTALLINE SILICA) (Respirable fraction)	14808-60-7	238-878-4	<0.1%
ASBESTIFORM ACTINOLITE	-	-	<0.01%
AGGREGATE (as described below in notes)	-	-	<95%

Ingredient Notes

Holcim Aggregate Products are mostly supplied from naturally occurring materials excavated and processed at sand pits, gravel pits and hard rock quarries. Dependent on quarry location the rock type can be described as meta-dolerite, amphibolite, granite with dolerite dykes or greenstone consisting of varying concentrations of actinolite, epidote, feldspar, chlorite, calcite, sphenechlorite, pyroxene and limonite, as well as alluvial sands, soils and loams, trachyte, andesite, rhyolite and diorite. Natural rock dolerite aggregates may contain traces (<0.01% by weight) of fibrous actinolite. Depending upon the source materials, the crystalline silica (quartz) content of any particular quarry product can vary from trace amounts up to 100%.

Some quarry products (particularly roadbase products) are made by blending materials from two or more pits and quarries in order to meet the required physical properties or customer specification. Some materials sold as quarry products are made by recycling by-products from other industries such as reprocessing concrete from building demolition and slag from blast furnaces that produce iron and steel. Aggregates for road sealing are often pre-coated with a mixture of bitumen and diesel fuel prior to use, either prior to delivery from the quarry or later at a roadside stockpile.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye	If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
Inhalation	Exposure is considered unlikely. Due to product form / nature of use, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated.
Skin	If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
Ingestion	For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.
First aid facilities	Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

No fire or explosion hazard exists.

5.4 Hazchem code

None allocated.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Moisten with water to prevent a dust hazard and place in sealable containers for disposal or reuse.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

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7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from incompatible substances and foodstuffs. Ensure containers are adequately labelled and protected from physical damage when not in use. Suppress dust with water if stored in bulk.

7.3 Specific end uses

No information provided.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
Asbestos	SWA [AUS]	--	0.1 f/ml	--	--
Quartz (respirable dust)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.05	--	--

Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls

All work should be carried out in such a way as to minimise dust generation and reduce inhalation to as low as reasonably practicable. Utilise water sprays to suppress dust when handling or applying materials. Isolate workers in enclosed cabs where possible. Work areas and equipment should be cleaned regularly. For cleaning, do not use compressed air or dry sweeping. Maintain ambient levels of Respirable Dust and Respirable Crystalline Silica levels below the recommended exposure standards (see 8.1 above). Use Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) only where other controls are not effective in control ambient dust levels.

PPE

Eye / Face	If cutting or sanding with potential for dust generation, wear dust-proof goggles.
Hands	Wear leather or cotton gloves.
Body	Not required under normal conditions of use.
Respiratory	Personal respiratory protection may be required where dust is airborne. The type of respiratory protection required depends primarily on the concentration of the inhalable and respirable dust in the air, and the frequency and length of exposure time. A suitable P2 particulate respirator chosen and used in accordance with AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 may be sufficient for many situations, but where high levels of dust are encountered, more efficient cartridge-type or powered respirators or supplied-air helmets or suits may be necessary. Use only respirators that bear the Australian Standards mark and are fitted and maintained correctly. Dust control measures providing respiratory protection against Respirable Crystalline Silica dust will also minimise and control potential exposure to fibrous minerals.



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	BLUE OR GREY SOLID
Odour	ODOURLESS
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	NOT AVAILABLE
Melting point	NOT AVAILABLE
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Relative density	2.0 to 3.0
Solubility (water)	INSOLUBLE
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
	NOT RELEVANT

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Upper explosion limit	
Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

9.2 Other information

% Volatiles	0 %
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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerisation is not expected to occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Avoid dust formation.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Incompatible with strong acids (e.g. hydrochloric acid).

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Skin	Contact may result in mechanical irritation, redness, rash and dermatitis.
Eye	Contact may result in mechanical irritation, lacrimation and redness.
Sensitisation	Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.
Mutagenicity	Not classified as a mutagen.
Carcinogenicity	This product contains crystalline silica which is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). However, there is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis. Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk.
Reproductive	Not classified as a reproductive toxin.
STOT - single exposure	Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing.
STOT - repeated exposure	Dust created when the product is cut, grinded and machined may contain respirable crystalline silica (particles small enough to go into deep parts of the lung when breathed in). Repeated overexposure to crystalline silica for extended periods may result in silicosis. In some cases the aggregate in this product may contain traces of fibrous actinolite material, which is a form of asbestos (asbestiform fibres). Excessive long term exposures to asbestiform fibres can lead to mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis. However, according to a statement from Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (14 November 2013): "Exposure monitoring results gathered during air monitoring programs at quarries and mine sites show that the levels of exposure from airborne mineral fibres are below the national occupational exposure standard and therefore present a low health risk."
Aspiration	This product does not present an aspiration hazard.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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12.1 Toxicity

Products as delivered are not biodegradable, have low eco-toxicity and are not regarded as posing any ecological risk. Crushed products and dust may form mildly alkaline, mildly acidic or neutral slurry when mixed with water.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Product is persistent and has a low degradability.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

There is no evidence to suggest bioaccumulation will occur.

12.4 Mobility in soil

A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

12.5 Other adverse effects

The main component/s of this product are not anticipated to cause any adverse effects to plants or animals.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Waste disposal Reuse where possible. No special precautions are normally required when handling this product.

Legislation Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.3 Transport hazard class	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.4 Packing Group	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

14.5 Environmental hazards

Not a Marine Pollutant.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Hazchem code None allocated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Poison schedule A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Classifications Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).

Inventory listings **AUSTRALIA: AIIIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals)**
All components are listed on AIIIC, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information

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For Aggregate products that contain Actinolite, an independent community health risk assessment of exposure to possible asbestiform actinolite fibres in crusher dust concluded that the potential exposure to the public is likely to be of low frequency, duration and impact. As a precautionary approach, it was recommended that this product should not be used in playgrounds. Additionally, Holcim have extended this precautionary approach to recommend that it should not be used in domestic applications such as garden beds and driveways.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m ³	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

Report status

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